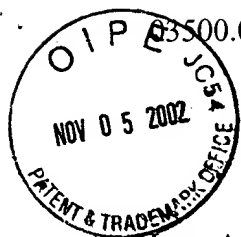


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In re Application of:

NOBUYUKI MATSUMOTO ET AL.

Application No.: 09/944,137 ✓

Filed: September 4, 2001 ✓

For: LIQUID DISCHARGE HEAD,
LIQUID DISCHARGE
APPARATUS, VALVE ✓
PROTECTION METHOD OF
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